



***THE  
GRAND YORK RITE  
OF NEBRASKA  
2019***

***Proceedings of***

***GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS***

***APRIL 5, 2019***

***held at  
Columbus, Nebraska***

**GRAND CHAPTER R.A.M. OF NEBRASKA  
OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019**

|   |   |
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| <b>Comp Frank Borden, 37</b> .....            | <b>E. Grand Master, First Veil</b>  |
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| <b>Comp. Eddie Birmingham, 3</b> .....        | <b>E. Grand Sentinel</b>  |
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|   | <b>E. Grand Musician</b>  |
| <b>Comp. Jay H. Speck, 3</b>                  | <b>.Grand Secretary/Recorder Emeritus</b>   |
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**THE NEXT ANNUAL CONVOCATION WILL BE HELD  
AT YOUNES CENTER  
APRIL 17, 2020**

**BRETT R. BENNETT**  
**152ST GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

Brett was born May 8, 1968 in Omaha, Nebraska. He graduated from Westside High School, Omaha, NE in 1986. Brett attended University of Nebraska, Omaha, graduating in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Arts and Science. Brett majored in Political Science. He currently resides in Plattsmouth, NE with his lady Kari Casey. Brett has 4 children, David, Matthew, Brittany and Nickolaus. He also has one grandson, Nickolaus.

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|----------------|---|-----------|
| Masonic Lodge: | Plattsmouth Lodge #6 A.F. & A.M.        | 3-27-2003 |
|                | Plattsmouth Lodge #6, NE (Life Member)  | 3-11-2004 |
|                | Worshipful Master, Plattsmouth Lodge #6 | 2007      |
| Scottish Rite: | Valley of Omaha (Life Member)           | 2013      |

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| Shrine: | Member, Tangier Shrine (Life Member) 2012 |
|         | Serving on Ritual Committee               |
|         | Serving as Ambassador                     |

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|--|-----------|------|
| York Rite: Member NE Chapter #3, RAM; Plattsmouth      | 1-1-2003  |      |
| Serving as High Priest                                 |           | 2006 |
| Adoniram Council #5, Plattsmouth                       | 2-27-2004 |      |
| Serving as Illustrious Master                          |           | 2006 |
| Mt. Zion Commandery #5, KT                             | 2-27-2004 |      |
| Serving as Commander                                   |           | 2007 |
| Knights of the York Cross of Honor                     |           | 2008 |
| Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests                 |           | 2014 |
| Red Cross of Constantine                               |           | 2012 |
| Serving the Grand Encampment of the USA                |           |      |
| On the Midwest Easter Committee                        | 2013-2018 |      |
| Eastern Star: Member, Home Chapter 189 (Worthy Patron) |           | 2012 |

**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SECOND CONVOCATION  
COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA - APRIL 5, 2019**

The One Hundred Fifty Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held at the Rivers Edge Convention Center, Columbus, Nebraska, on Friday, April 5, 2019.

The opening of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was done by the Nebraska Chapter No. 3. Before the Grand Chapter was opened, Comp. Brett Bennett, M.E. Grand High Priest, was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. The remaining Grand Officers were introduced and took their respective stations.

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS PRESENT**

Comp. Brett R. Bennett, 3..... M.E. Grand High Priest  
Comp. Jonathan Paz, 61 ..... R.E. Grand King  
Comp. Michael Jones, 18..... R.E. Grand Scribe  
Comp. Bruce T. Anderson, PGHP, 6..... R.E. Grand Treasurer  
Comp. Dennis Newman, 61 ..... R.E. Grand Secretary  
Comp. .... R.E. Grand Chaplain  
Comp. Anthony T. Johnson, 61 ..... R.E. Grand Lecturer  
Comp. LaVern Work, II, 3..... E. Grand Captain of the Host  
Comp. Lucian Smith, 3 ..... E. Grand Principal Sojourner  
Comp. Jeffrey M. Coleman, 1..... E. Grand Royal Arch Captain  
Comp. Daniel Marr, 61 ..... E. Grand Master Third Veil  
Comp. Mervyn Moeller, 6 ..... E. Grand Master Second Veil  
Comp. Frank Borden, 37..... E. Grand Master First Veil  
Comp. Eddie Birmingham, 3 ..... E. Grand Sentinel  
None..... E. Grand Musician  
Absent: Joseph Charbonneau

**RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

The following Past M.E. Grand High Priests were introduced by the R.E. Deputy Grand High Priest and welcomed by the M.E. Grand High Priest and given Grand Honors.

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| M.E. Comp. Keith J. Herbster, 6.....  | 112 <sup>th</sup> | 1978 |
| M.E. Comp. Kirby Hunt, 24 .....       | 105 <sup>th</sup> | 1990 |
| M.E. Comp. Jay H. Speck, 3.....       | Hon.              | 1994 |
| M.E. Comp. James N. Karnegis, 1.....  | 130 <sup>th</sup> | 1996 |
| M.E. Comp John T. Parsons, 61 .....   | 137 <sup>th</sup> | 2003 |
| M.E. Comp. Bruce T. Anderson, 6.....  | 139 <sup>th</sup> | 2005 |
| M.E. Comp. Ronald D. Grass, 24.....   | 142 <sup>nd</sup> | 2008 |
| M.E. Comp. Jerry F. Bepalec, 17 ..... | 143 <sup>rd</sup> | 2011 |
| M.E. Comp. Steven R. Barchus, 1.....  | 145 <sup>th</sup> | 2011 |

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|---|-------------------|------|
| M.E. Comp. Edward W. Nolte, 61.....     | 146 <sup>th</sup> | 2012 |
| M.E. Comp. Donale E. Rife, 35 .....     | 149 <sup>th</sup> | 2015 |
| M.E. Comp. Anthony T. Johnson, 61 ..... | 150 <sup>th</sup> | 2016 |
| M.E. Comp. David A. Shaw, 1 .....       | 151 <sup>st</sup> | 2017 |

Absent were: M.E. Companions Gail Axen, Bryan Lee, 3, Mervin W. Titchen, 15, Edward I. Morrow, F. Wayne Bowman, Robert Wunder, 6, Steven C. Smith, I, 1.

### **RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

The following Distinguished Companions were received, welcomed escorted to the East, and given their Respective Honors and a hearty welcome.

#### ***Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa***

M.E. Comp. Stephen G. Libby, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
M.E. Comp. James A. Fischer, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
M.E. Comp. Wade E. Sheeler, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

#### ***Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota***

M.E. Comp. Marvin W. Schendel, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
M.E. Comp. Charles R. Marston, Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
M.E. Comp. W. David Emery, Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
R.E. Comp. Ralph J. Luchsinger II, Grand King  
R.E. Comp. Carl F. Lidstrom, Excellent Grand Scribe

#### ***Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota***

M.E. Comp. Jon Gonsor, Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
E. Comp. Bruce Crisman, Excellent Grand Captain of the Host

#### ***Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming***

R. E. Comp. Harry L. Furrey, Deputy Grand High Priest

#### ***Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Nebraska***

M.I. Comp. David A. Shaw, Most Illustrious Grand Master

#### ***Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska***

Sir Knight Lucian C. Smith, Right Eminent Grand Commander

#### ***Appendant Bodies of Nebraska***

Comp. Keith J. Herbster, Past Intendant General, Red Cross of Constantine  
Comp. Ronald Grass, Grand Governor, York Rite College  
Comp. Robert L. Williams, Past Grand Governor, York Rite College  
Comp. Edward W. Nolte, President of National Sojourners  
Comp. Lavern Work, Eminent Preceptor, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests

Comp. Anthony Johnson, Governor Nebraska York Rite College NO. 138  
Comp. Dennis Newman, President, Convention of the Order of High Priesthood  
Comp. Lucian Smith, Sovereign Master of Allied Masonic Degrees and Prior of the Knights of  
the York Cross of Honor

***General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International***

M.E. Comp. Steven Tiner, Right Excellent General Grand King and personal representative of  
James H. Hodge, Most Excellent General Grand High Priest  
M.E. Comp. Edward W. Nolte, Ambassador to Nebraska  
M.E. Comp. John T. Parsons, Right Excellent Past Deputy General Grand High Priest, North  
Central Region.

***Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska***

Right Worshipful Brother Ronald D. Stites, Deputy Grand Master  
Right Worshipful Brother James Carlton, Grand Senior Warden  
Most Worshipful Brother John T. Parsons, Past Grand Master  
Most Worshipful Brother Michael Jones, Past Grand Master

The Right Worshipful Brother Stites brought greetings and shared the activities of the Grand  
Lodge. He concluded by thanking the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for all the courtesies  
afforded him and wished for him a most successful Grand Convocation.

**PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE SWEETHEART AWARDS**

|      |                       |                     |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 2010 | Ilah Anderson         | Judy Bspalec        |
| 2011 | Corene Herbster       | Sally Bunnell       |
|      | Marilyn Twining       | Kay Clark           |
|      | Melva Nicholson       | T. Joyce Grass      |
|      | Katherine Nehls       | Mary E. Williams    |
|      | Diane V. Brown        | Joanie Jones        |
|      | Marcia Michaelson     | Dona Hurst          |
|      | Diane Wunder          | Sherry Popovitz     |
|      | Connie K. Smith       | Kathe E. K. Barchus |
| 2012 | Elizabeth Charbonneau | Linda Nolte         |
| 2013 | Wendy Johnson         |                     |

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

***Comp. Daniel Marr***, of Florence Chapter No. 61, Papillion. the recipient of the Bronze Distinguished Service Medal of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International.

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**RECIPIENTS IN NEBRASKA  
OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

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|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *1951 Fred G. Christensen, 11   |                                |
| *1952 William Chuda, 60         |                                |
| *1953 Welcome W. Naylor, 48     |                                |
| *1954 Ralph R. Koken, 37        |                                |
| *1955 Earl W. Dean, 60          |                                |
| *1956 Roy W. Becker, 30         |                                |
| *1957 Ralph Crockett, 39        |                                |
| *1958 John J. Smith, 1          |                                |
| *1959 Elmer G. Englehorn, 54    |                                |
| *1960 Russell F. Richmond, 64   |                                |
| *1961 Thomas O. McFarland, 65   |                                |
| *1962 Leonard J. Owen, 6        |                                |
| *1963 William B. Wanner, 5      |                                |
| *1964 Percy L. Erixson, 10      |                                |
| *1965 Robert W. Boon, 11        |                                |
| *1966 Carl E. Hallgren, 42      |                                |
| *1967 Gordon Streblow, 51       |                                |
| *1968 R. Clare Johnson, 24      |                                |
| *1969 Arthur P. Starkjohann, 63 |                                |
| *1970 Floyd W. Miles, 64        |                                |
| *1971 Curtis M. Maynard, 21     |                                |
| *1972 Paul L. Toombs, 60        |                                |
| * 1973 Joe L. Wilson, 1         |                                |
| *1974 Loren J. Stevens, 15      |                                |
| *1975 Winfield B. Kurtz, 61     |                                |
| *1976 Wm. W. Cook, Jr., 10      |                                |
| *1977 Dale C. Wilson, 1         |                                |
|                                 | *1985 Clyde A. Stratton, 54    |
|                                 | *1986 Gordon C. Wassell, 60    |
|                                 | *1987 Frank H. Smith, 65       |
|                                 | *1988 Jugurtha W. Coulter, 65  |
|                                 | *1989 C. Vernon Hovendick, 24  |
|                                 | *1990 Clifford M. Case, 48     |
|                                 | 1991 Edward A. Brenneir, 24    |
|                                 | 1992 Thomas A. Clark, 3        |
|                                 | *1993 Ray E. Gaymon, 21        |
|                                 | *1994 Lyle D. Spencer, 64      |
|                                 | *1995 Howard D. Blatchford, 33 |
|                                 | *1996 Merle P. Hayes, 37       |
|                                 | *1997 Maynard Tatelman, 1      |
|                                 | *1998 Cecil L. Ristau, 64      |
|                                 | *1999 Otto F. Kloke, 26        |
|                                 | *2000 Lawrence L. Morris, 21   |
|                                 | *2001 William A. Cox, 1        |
|                                 | 2002 Jerry F. Bepalec, 17      |
|                                 | *2003 Norvald C. Nielsen, 61   |
|                                 | *2004 Gale R. Carel, 10        |
|                                 | 2005 Paul J. Redwine, Jr., 10  |
|                                 | 2006 Jay H. Speck, 3           |
|                                 | 2007 Arthur S. Dye, 21         |
|                                 | 2008 Robert L. Williams, 21    |
|                                 | 2009 Anthony J. Johnson, 61    |
|                                 | 2010 Michael E. Jones, 12      |

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| *1978 J. Chris Peterson, 65 | 2011 Edgar A. Bredmeier, 3     |
| *1979 Wm L. Walker, 6       | 2012 William K. Stone, 1       |
| *1980 Dale Sigman, 11       | *2013 Jerald D. Verbeek, 8     |
| *1981 Joseph Hoffman, 8     | 2014 James Gansemer, 3         |
| *1982 Kenneth O. Smith, 64  | 2015 James Karnegis, MD,Phd, 1 |
| *1983 V. Edward Arnold, 5   | 2016 Arthur R. Stricker, 65    |
| *1984 William Vieth, 61     | 2017 Walter Johnson, 15        |
|                             | 2018 Daniel Marr, 61           |
|                             | 2019 A. Carl Highman, 61       |

\*Denotes Deceased

#### **DALE L. MACE MEMORIAL OUTSTANDING SECRETARY-RECORDER AWARD**

This is to confirm and certify that Edward Raper of Livingston Chapter No. 10 of Beatrice, has been chosen as the outstanding service to the York Rite. This award was presented at the Grand York Rite Banquet.

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#### **RECIPIENTS OF THE OUTSTANDING SECRETARY-RECORDER AWARD**

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| *1995 Glenn M. Parks    | 2008 James Gansemer |
| 1996 William C. Boon    | 2009 David Portwood |
| 1997 Richard L. Vlach   | 2010 Brett Bennett  |
| *1998 William A. Cox    | 2011 John Lippert   |
| *1999 James O. Thone    | 2012 Carl Highman   |
| 2000 Robert L. Ferguson | 2013 Bryan Burrows  |
| *2001 Donald O. Bickham | 2014 Jay Speck      |
| 2002 Joseph E. Manes    | 2015 Bob Williams   |
| *2003 Roger L. Galusha  | 2016 Phil Lyons     |
| 2004 Joseph E. Manes    | 2017 Gail Axen      |
| *2005 Donald L. Grazier | 2018 Edward Raper   |
| 2006 All of Them        | 2019 Frank Borden   |
| 2007 Joe Belden         |                     |

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\*Denotes Deceased

#### **PRESENTATION OF BANNERS**

Omaha Chapter No.1of Omaha won the Lewis E. Smith Banner for the greatest number of exaltations, with Six (6) exaltations and Nebraska Chapter No. 3 of Plattsmouth and Florence Chapter No. 61 of Papillion tied for the banner for highest percentage of gain in membership.



### **SPECIAL PHILANTHROPIC PRESENTATIONS**

A representative from the following chapters came forward with a check for RARA:  
*Hastings Chapter No. 21, Florence Chapter No. 61, Omaha, King Cyrus Chapter 35, McCook*

### **GRAND CHAPTER R.A. M. BUSINESS MEETING**

The M.E. Grand High Priest requested the R.E. Grand Secretary to call the roll of the constituent Chapters, two chapters were not represented, Signet Chapter No. 8 and Oregon Trail Chapter No. 65, Gering. This being a constitutional number present, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was declared open for the regular order of business.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES**

The Order of Business will be as shown in the printed program for the Convocation, or as may be revised by the Grand High Priest. The committee further recommends:

1. The business meeting shall be conducted by "MASONIC TRADITION", not by "Robert's Rules of Order".
2. The Grand High Priest shall appoint a *Parliamentarian for the Annual Convocation*. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Grand High Priest as to rules and procedures in conducting the business of the Convocation.
3. Committee Reports shall be given by the Chairman or designated member from the podium at the Grand Secretary's table unless otherwise directed by the Grand High Priest.
4. All Proposed Amendments must be submitted to the Grand Secretary in writing prior to the close of the Annual Convocation. If unanimous consent is denied, it shall lay over until the next Annual Convocation. One of the signers of any Amendment brought to the floor for discussion shall state the position of the signers prior to the ballot.
5. Dais Officers may speak from the East on any motion, resolution, committee report, or other matter. Members of the Grand Chapter may speak from the microphone near the Grand Secretary's desk. In order to obtain the floor, a member first must be recognized by the officer presiding, and then state his name and Chapter before addressing the Grand Chapter.
6. No Companion shall speak more than twice on any motion or other matter unless permission is granted by the officer presiding. The order in which members shall be recognized to speak shall be determined by the officer presiding.
7. Time limits for speaking on any item of business may be imposed if the officer presiding so announces.
8. When the Grand Chapter is considering the decision and formal recommendations of the Grand High Priest, the Grand High Priest shall first announce his position. The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee then shall announce the position of that Committee. Discussion shall then be opened, with the Grand High Priest permitted to speak, followed by members of the Grand Chapter.
9. The method of voting on any item of business shall be determined by the Grand High Priest or other officer presiding.
10. Questions of procedure not provided for by the Grand Chapter Constitution and/or Bylaws, or these rules, shall be determined by the Grand High Priest.

Fraternally Submitted

*Dennis A. Newman*, Grand Secretary  
Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Nebraska

It was moved and seconded these rules be adopted. Motion carried.

### **BALLOT BOX**

The **Grand High Priest** declared the ballot box opened and appointed the following Companions to serve as tellers: M.E. **Companion Steven Barchus (1), Chairman, M.E. Companion John Parsons, (61) and M.E. Companion Edward Nolte (61).**

The **Grand High Priest** introduced M.E. **Companion Jay Speck** who will serve as parliamentarian for the business meeting.

### **RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

The R.E. Grand Secretary was requested to call the roll of the Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. The Grand Representative stood to be recognized.

### **HIGH PRIESTS, KINGS, SCRIBES AND SECRETARIES**

The M.E. Grand High Priest invited the High Priests, Kings, Scribes and Secretaries from the constituent chapters that were present to approach the east facing west. They were greeted by the M.E. Grand High Priest and given a hearty welcome.

### **GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS**

Welcome Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights, and Ladies to the 152nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska on Friday April 4, 2019, River's Edge Conference Center, in Columbus, Nebraska.

As Grand High Priest you learn quickly that your success is dependent not on just your efforts but mostly to the efforts of the whole Grand Chapter or Royal Arch Masons Line and the officers of the local Chapters of Nebraska. I am in debt to you all for your selfless efforts to move my agenda forward. To all the Companions residing within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, Thank-You!

I extend a very special appreciation to Most Illustrious Companion David Shaw, Grand Master of the Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska and his Lady Marcie and Sir Knight Lucian C. Smith, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska and his Lady Nicole for their support and invaluable assistance throughout this past year.

Also, a very special thank-you to my masonic mentor's Most Excellent Companion and Sir Knight Jay Speck, PGC, Grand Secretary Recorder Emeritus, and his lady Sheila for all their support throughout not only this last year but throughout all the years. My lady Kari and I invited them to sit at our table as our special dinner guests for the Grand York Rite Banquet to be held on April 4, 2019.

A very special thank-you to Most Excellent Companion Anthony T. Johnson for appointing me into the Advancing Line as Grand Captain of the Host! Finally, but not least a special thank-you to our Grand Secretary/Recorder Dennis Newman for all he does for all the Grand York Rite Bodies.

## DISPENSATIONS

Granted Special Dispensation to Nebraska Chapter 3 located in Plattsmouth Nebraska, to move their Regular Business meeting to Omaha Chapter 1 located in Omaha for the purpose of a joint business meeting to receive the Grand High Priest. Dispensation Granted as provided for in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, although Article X, The Grand High Priest § 1(d) does not provide express authority to the Grand High Priest the BYLAWS of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska Chapter 8 Laws of the Grand Lodge to Govern. The Constitution and BYLAWS of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska does under Article X The Grand Master § 1 (His powers shall include, but not be limited to the following does.)

Granted Special Dispensation to Nebraska Chapter 3 and Omaha Chapter 1, to move their Charter to Columbus, Nebraska, on April 4, 2019 for the purpose of Opening the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska's 147th Annual Convocation. Dispensation Granted as provided for in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, although Article X, The Grand High Priest § 1(d) does not provide express authority to the Grand High Priest the BYLAWS of The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska Chapter 8 Laws of the Grand Lodge to Govern. The Constitution and BYLAWS of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska does under Article X The Grand Master § 1 (His powers shall include, but not be limited to the following does.)

## BYLAW CHANGES

I received no requests for bylaw changes during my term.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

As provided for in The Constitution of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, Article X, The Grand High Priest § 4.

Approved and or Recommended representatives are on file with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

## STATE OF THE CRAFT AND OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

Overall Royal Arch Masonry in Nebraska continues to show stability and sparks of enthusiasm. It only takes that one spark from a young companion to get the fire started. I pushed the fact that unless companions attend their or other Nebraska Blue Lodge meetings or degree work, we will not be able to increase our ranks and continue our valuable work. I was able to witness during my travels that there is a true desire by the Royal Arch Chapters of Nebraska to prosper. I want to thank you all for your efforts and hope that the flame of Royal Arch Masonry in Nebraska will continue.

All chapters, but one, were visited this year by me personally or my representative. Also, I or my

personal representative attended our Nebraska youth organizations annual meetings. I personally enjoyed my first visit to Rainbow Girls and was very impressed during their opening. I also had a sense of pride as all of the Nebraska York Rite bodies were represented and it was noticed by several of the leaders who thanked us for coming and our support. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend or find a personal representative to attend all the Midwest Grand Chapter Annual Convocations. I was able to personally attend South Dakota's Annual Communication for all three bodies of York Rite as well as the North Central Meeting in South Dakota. Several of the Nebraska Blue Lodges were visited either by myself or my personal representative as this was my only urgent request of the grand officers.

I want to thank all the Companions within the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Nebraska for the incredible honor of serving as your Grand High Priest.

Lastly, I wish to thank my lady, Kari for her support, as this is not something she personally signed on for but supported me throughout with a smile.....well publicly at least. I couldn't and wouldn't have wanted to do this without her.

Fraternally Submitted,

*Brett R. Bennett*

Brett R. Bennett

Grand High Priest 2018-2019

I move for adoption of this report and that it be referred to the Jurisprudence committee.

### **REPORT OF THE R.E. GRAND SECRETARY**

I would like to thank everyone for the support I received during this past year as your Grand Secretary. A special thanks to Doc and Jeanne Karnegis and Bruce Anderson for all their help and support in maintaining the records. I want to thank all the Grand Officers and all the companions throughout Nebraska for their patience and their support as I continue to learn the job. I appreciate help and guidance that I have received.

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2018.

The Grand Chapter issued Multi-Year pins to the following Companions in the year of 2018:

|               |                 |               |          |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| John Dale     | Hastings No. 21 | 02/15/6850 yr | 02/15/18 |
| Robert Prokop | Mt. Zion No. 17 | 09/19/3460 yr | 02/23/18 |
| Fred Way, Jr. | Hastings No. 21 | 03/08/6850 yr | 06/01/18 |

## GRAND CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT

|   |                             | Chapter<br>Proposed-<br>2018 | Actual-<br>2018 |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              |                             |                              |                 |
| Starting Balance                          |                             | \$450.50                     | \$450.50        |
| Receipts                                  |                             |                              |                 |
| 401                                       | Dues                        | \$13,000.00                  | \$12,501.85     |
| 402                                       | Fees                        | \$500.00                     | \$240.00        |
| 403                                       | Reinstatements              | \$50.00                      | \$75.00         |
| 404                                       | Bond Premium                | \$100.00                     | \$115.55        |
| 405                                       | Charities                   | \$700.00                     | \$493.00        |
| 406                                       | Sale of Supplies            | \$500.00                     | \$76.00         |
| 407                                       | Interest                    | \$0.00                       | \$0.00          |
| 408                                       | Annual Grand Session        | \$4,500.00                   | \$3,889.64      |
| 410                                       | Perpetual Life Membership   | \$1,200.00                   | \$3,964.99      |
| 412                                       | Investment Redemptions      | \$1,500.00                   | \$0.00          |
| 414                                       | Miscellaneous               | \$0.00                       | \$603.42        |
| Total                                     |                             | \$22,050.00                  | \$21,959.45     |
| <b><u>Total plus starting balance</u></b> |                             | \$22,500.50                  | \$22,409.95     |
| Disbursements                             |                             |                              |                 |
| 451                                       | Grand Officers Expense      | \$1,500.00                   | \$0.00          |
| 452                                       | Annual Meeting Expense      | \$4,500.00                   | \$3,726.20      |
| 453                                       | Triennial                   | \$300.00                     | \$0.00          |
| 454                                       | Grand Secretary Salary      | \$5,634.00                   | \$4,903.86      |
| 455                                       | Grand Secretary Travel      | \$288.00                     | \$98.79         |
| 456                                       | Treasure Travel             | \$150.00                     | \$30.60         |
| 457                                       | Bond Premium & Fidelity     | \$216.00                     | \$0.00          |
| 458                                       | Transfers                   | \$0.00                       | \$0.00          |
| 459                                       | Personal Property Insurance | \$936.00                     | \$200.16        |
| 460                                       | Supplies for Resale         | \$540.00                     | \$116.00        |
| 461                                       | Office Supplies             | \$300.00                     | \$156.65        |
| 462                                       | Equipment Replacement       | \$50.00                      | \$0.00          |
| 463                                       | Postage                     | \$600.00                     | \$108.00        |
| 464                                       | Rent                        | \$1,160.00                   | \$995.77        |
| 465                                       | Telephone                   | \$300.00                     | \$99.46         |
| 466                                       | Perpetual Life Membership   | \$1,200.00                   | \$3,192.81      |
| 467                                       | General Grand Dues          | \$1,800.00                   | \$2,238.00      |
| 468                                       | Philanthropies              | \$500.00                     | \$493.00        |
| 469                                       | Magazine Expense            | \$2,200.00                   | \$1,985.63      |
| 470                                       | Past Grand Officer Jewel    | \$100.00                     | \$0.00          |

|     |                                |             |             |
|-----|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 471 | Youth                          | \$300.00    | \$300.00    |
| 472 | Memorials                      | \$20.00     | \$0.00      |
| 474 | Equipment Rental & Maintenance | \$700.00    | \$596.36    |
| 476 | Utilities                      | \$0.00      | \$0.00      |
| 478 | Workman's Comp.                | \$126.00    | \$0.00      |
| 479 | Taxes (Fed/Unempl/State)       | \$1,116.00  | \$1,085.40  |
| 480 | Miscellaneous                  | \$0.00      | \$705.13    |
|     | Total                          | \$24,536.00 | \$21,031.82 |
|     | Receipts less Disbursements    | -\$2,035.50 | \$1,378.13  |

**GRAND YORK RITE OF NEBRASKA  
INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO – MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY**

**GRAND YORK RITE ENDOWMENT  
Joint account of all three Grand York Rite Bodies**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>Grand Chapter</b>                                    | <b>\$51,284.16</b>  |
| <b>Grand Council</b>                                    | <b>\$45,585.93</b>  |
| <b>Grand Commandery .....</b>                           | <b>\$45,585.93</b>  |
| <b>Morgan Stanley Account Value Dec. 31, 2018 .....</b> | <b>\$142,456.02</b> |

**YORK RITE PUBLIC RELATIONS FUND**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Balance in Bank of the West Dec. 31, 2017 .....</b> | <b>\$4,608.81</b> |
| <b>RECEIPTS:</b>                                       |                   |
| Interest Earned .....                                  | \$2.52            |
| <b>Funds transferred .....</b>                         | <b>\$25.00</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS.....</b>                             | <b>\$27.53</b>    |
| <b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>                                  |                   |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....</b>                       | <b>\$778.97</b>   |
| <b>Balance in Bank of the West, Dec. 31, 2018.....</b> | <b>\$3856.36</b>  |

**ROYAL ARCH EDUCATIONAL & MEMORIAL FUND 19  
(DR. CHARLES F. & MATTIE BAKER)**

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Balance in Bank of West, Dec. 31, 2017 .....     | \$8694.08        |
| <b>Interest Earned</b> .....                     | \$5.23           |
| <b>TOTAL Receipts</b> .....                      | \$5.23           |
| <b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>                            |                  |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b> .....                | \$0.00           |
| Balance in Bank of the West, Dec. 31, 2018 ..... | <b>\$8699.31</b> |

**CHAPTER RETURNS**

Ten (10) Chapters failed to have an exaltation this year compared to Nine (9) last year.

***Number of Chartered Chapters, December 31, 2017 ..... 16***

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Number Exalted .....    | 16 |
| Number Admitted .....   | 1  |
| Number Reinstated ..... | 3  |
| <b>TOTAL GAIN</b> ..... | 20 |

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Number Demitted .....   | 5  |
| Number Suspended .....  | 21 |
| Number Died.....        | 35 |
| <b>TOTAL LOSS</b> ..... | 61 |
| <b>NET LOSS</b> .....   | 41 |

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Number of Royal Arch Masons, December 31, 2017 ..... | 734 |
| Number of Royal Arch Masons, December 31, 2018.....  | 693 |

***Number of Chartered Chapters, December 31, 2018 ..... 16***

Fraternally,  
Dennis A. Newman, R.E. Grand Secretary

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:

It is my pleasure to present the proposed budget for the calendar year 2018.  
It is my pleasure to present the proposed budget for the calendar year 2019.

**CHAPTER**

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
|                  | <b>Proposed</b> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>2019</b>     |
| Starting Balance | <b>\$723.17</b> |
| Receipts         |                 |

|     |   |                    |
|-----|---|--------------------|
| 401 | Dues                                      | <b>\$13,500.00</b> |
| 402 | Fees                                      | <b>\$400.00</b>    |
| 403 | Reinstatements                            | <b>\$50.00</b>     |
| 404 | Bond Premium                              | <b>\$100.00</b>    |
| 405 | Charities                                 | <b>\$700.00</b>    |
| 406 | Sale of Supplies                          | <b>\$125.00</b>    |
| 407 | Interest                                  | <b>\$0.00</b>      |
| 408 | Annual Grand Session                      | <b>\$4,000.00</b>  |
| 410 | Perpetual Life Membership                 | <b>\$1,200.00</b>  |
| 412 | Investment Redemptions                    | <b>\$1,800.00</b>  |
| 414 | Miscellaneous                             | <b>\$0.00</b>      |
|     | Total                                     | <b>\$21,875.00</b> |
|     | <b><u>Total plus starting balance</u></b> | <b>\$22,598.17</b> |
|     | Disbursements                             |                    |
| 451 | Grand Officers Expense                    | <b>\$1,500.00</b>  |
| 452 | Annual Meeting Expense                    | <b>\$3,500.00</b>  |
| 453 | Triennial                                 | <b>\$300.00</b>    |
| 454 | Grand Secretary Salary                    | <b>\$5,634.00</b>  |
| 455 | Grand Secretary Travel                    | <b>\$105.00</b>    |
| 456 | Treasure Travel                           | <b>\$52.50</b>     |
| 457 | Bond Premium & Fidelity                   | <b>\$200.00</b>    |
| 458 | Transfers                                 | <b>\$0.00</b>      |
| 459 | Personal Property Insurance               | <b>\$1,120.00</b>  |
| 460 | Supplies for Resale                       | <b>\$200.00</b>    |
| 461 | Office Supplies                           | <b>\$300.00</b>    |
| 462 | Equipment Replacement                     | <b>\$50.00</b>     |
| 463 | Postage                                   | <b>\$300.00</b>    |
| 464 | Rent                                      | <b>\$1,160.00</b>  |
| 465 | Telephone                                 | <b>\$90.00</b>     |
| 466 | Perpetual Life Membership                 | <b>\$1,200.00</b>  |
| 467 | General Grand Dues                        | <b>\$2,200.00</b>  |
| 468 | Philanthropies                            | <b>\$500.00</b>    |
| 469 | Magazine Expense                          | <b>\$2,000.00</b>  |
| 470 | Past Grand Officer Jewel                  | <b>\$100.00</b>    |
| 471 | Youth                                     | <b>\$300.00</b>    |
| 472 | Memorials                                 | <b>\$20.00</b>     |
| 474 | Equipment Rental & Maintenance            | <b>\$200.00</b>    |
| 476 | Utilities                                 | <b>\$0.00</b>      |
| 478 | Workman's Comp.                           | <b>\$107.00</b>    |



|     |                             |                    |
|-----|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 479 | Taxes (Fed/Unempl/State)    | <b>\$1,116.00</b>  |
| 480 | Miscellaneous               | <b>\$0.00</b>      |
|     | Total                       | <b>\$22,254.50</b> |
|     | Receipts less Disbursements | <b>\$343.67</b>    |

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Ronald D. Grass,*  
 Chairman

### LEGISLATION

1. Resolution for an Elected Jurisprudence Committee. Was withdrawn

### CHARTERS & DISPENSATIONS

Did not meet. No Report.

Respectfully submitted,  
*David Shaw,* Chairman

### CODIFICATION OF THE LAW COMMITTEE REPORT

The following report is submitted for the Codification of the Law Committee which includes PGHPs Ron Grass, Steve Barchus and Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson (Chairman). As Chairman, I would like to thank the other two PGHPs that served with me this 2018-2019 year.

The committee was not asked to review the bylaws, nor did the Grand High Priest request any assistance for any actions he may have performed over the year. The Committee was presented a resolution from last year that carried over for review concerning changing the bylaws and constitution to allow for an elected jurisprudence committee. As Chairman I provided recommendations for clarification of the resolution and with the assistance and review of the committee we have determined it still in the proper format to send to Chapters for their review prior to the Grand Annual Assembly to be held from the 5<sup>th</sup> of April in Columbus Nebraska.

No other items were presented to the Codification of the Law Committee so I request acceptance of this report.

Respectively Submitted  
 PGHP Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson  
 Chairman Codification of the Law Committee

## YOUTH COMMITTEE

There has been nothing reported to the Committee on your organizations activity for the year 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

*Robert E. Wunder*, Chairman

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully makes the following report to the Grand Session held in Columbus, Nebraska on April 5, 2019.

12 Grand Officers were present

11 Past Grand Officers were present

All constituent bodies were represented except Signet Chapter No. 8 and Oregon Trail #65.

13 Out of State Officers and Visitors

50 Ballots Issued

63 Registered

Respectfully submitted,

*James Michaelson*, Chairman

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

## DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS REPORT

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions:

With referrals of the Dispensations and By-law Changes of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address to the jurisprudence Committee and referral of the report of the Right Excellent Grand Secretary to Budget and Finance Committee. The doing of the Grand Officers committee approves the remainder of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address and commends him, and the Right Excellent Grand Secretary and Grand Chapter Officers on their best efforts for the benefit and their representation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ronald D. Grass*, Chairman

## ENTERTAINMENT OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M.E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions all:

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve on this committee along with Ex Comp Jay Speck. It is a great pleasure to renew acquaintances with old friends and companions from neighboring Grand York Rite jurisdictions, as well as meeting new visiting companions. We also have the pleasure of welcoming other distinguished Masonic visitors from Nebraska, including Grand

Lodge officers, representatives from the Shrine Centers and Scottish Rite Valleys across the state, ladies from the Order of the Eastern Star and Social Order of the Beauceant, and from our youth groups.

At the last Grand Session, we had 76 guests in attendance. We hope to see another good crowd at our upcoming session in April.

John T. Parsons

Jay H. Speck

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

#### **FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

I have reviewed several Grand Jurisdiction proceedings and all seem to have the same problems – declining members and struggling with finances. Some are trying different approaches but the results are not conclusive at this time.

Many jurisdictions are now placing their proceedings either on CD's or on their websites for others to view. This is a substantial savings although it does not always get the word out to the membership.

It is always enjoyable to see what others are trying and their success or failure.

Fraternally Submitted:

*Bruce T. Anderson*, Chairman

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

#### **JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Jurisprudence Committee met and reviewed the Grand High Priest's Address. The committee found the report in proper form and found all actions of the Grand High Priest to be within his powers as outlined in the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska.

Fraternally Submitted,

David Shaw

Committee Chairman

Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### **GRAND LECTURER REPORT**

It was my pleasure to represent the Grand Chapter and be your Grand Lecturer again this year. I was not requested to do much traveling this year by the Grand High Priest. I was also not requested by any Chapters to give them help, perform a school of instruction, or received any

reports from the assistant lecturers throughout the state. The majority of the Chapters have trouble performing opening and closing or know the proper procedures for receiving the Grand High Priest. This is largely due to the fact that Chapters have problems getting enough Companions to open or close. If Chapter Masonry is going to survive in Nebraska, Chapters have to practice the basics of opening and closing even if they only have a few Companions show for the meetings or they will never be able to perform degree work or attract members. If new Chapter Masons cannot gain the further knowledge we promised in their initiation and we only bring them together for boring meeting or call them to a meeting we cannot conduct because of lack of participation then we will not keep them as members.

In looking at exalting new members, we had three successful Chapter Festivals in the Omaha and North Platte areas. The Chapters in Lincoln and Plattsmouth continued to show initiative in doing degree work as they have for the last three years. The idea is still out there for the Chapters to continue to work on the basics and work on conferring at least these first two degrees and then we could hold quick festivals in centrally located areas to complete the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees.

I am still in need of more active Assistant Lecturers to review opening and closing at a minimum with the Chapters because there is no way on a consistent basis for the Grand Lecturer to get around or be close enough to help all Chapters in the state. I appreciate the work of those assistant lectures who have assisted their Chapters this year, but we need to have more of the younger members step up to be Assistant Lecturers. I am happy to work with those who are not fully proficient and conduct schools to train these lecturers if we can get participation and some excitement from the Chapters to attend the schools if scheduled. If we are going to improve our ritual capability then these lecturers really need to do quarterly reports at a minimum concerning their efforts to visit chapters and improve the Grand Chapters capability to do degree work across the state. The goal would be to balance the assistant lectures out over the state and really work on ritual work in all the Chapters. If the Chapters are to continue and grow at all we will also need to implement visits to assigned Chapters like Blue Lodges and determine Chapter's ability to open and close.

The following Chapters will receive certificates for Degree Work and Opening and Closing. I received no information from the Grand High Priest concerning receiving Grand Officers at the time of this report.

The following Chapters should receive Certificates for doing Degree Work

Omaha Chapter #1

Plattsmouth Chapter #3

Lincoln Chapter #6

Florence Chapter #61

Chapters who need Certificates for Opening and Closing

Omaha Chapter #1

Plattsmouth #3

Lincoln #6

Florence Chapter #61

Euphrates Chapter #15

*Anthony T. (AJ) Johnson*

Grand Lecturer

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

No report

Respectively Submitted,

*Comp. Art Stricker*

Chairman - Membership

## ROYAL ARCH EDUCATIONAL & MEMORIAL FUND

No Report

## GRAND CHAPTER NECROLOGY REPORT

There are some things in life which are a matter of circumstance and many more that are a matter of choice. Family, location of your birth, various opportunities in life are all circumstances that surround the choices we make. Even the friends we have available, in part represent circumstances. When we join the lodge, we are making a choice. We become brothers and choose to begin a journey. In the York Rite, we become more than friends, more than brothers. We become Companions. What is a Companion, you might ask. In the Roman world, if a soldier stopped you and told you to walk with him a mile, you were required to take up his burden and carry it for him for one mile. Whatever you may think of him, Jesus tells us that we should go with that man a second mile also. What is a Companion? A companion is someone who will take up your burden, not for a mile, not even for two, but for as long as you need. We are fortunate to be Companions in this body and it is always difficult to part ways, as they walk on that path that awaits all of us in our own time, that path that for now, we cannot follow. We grieve to think of the loss to our own lives, the emptiness that is present when our Companions are absent, and we know that it cannot be filled. However, as we are told, the Bible, the Great Light of Masonry, casts aside these dark clouds and we rejoice for our Friends, our Brothers, our Companions, that their burdens are at last laid down, that they have advanced to the presence of the Supreme High Priest and we are assured that they have their place in that House Not Made with Hands and bask in the eternal glory of the Temple of God to be received and acknowledged for the skill of their work.

We walk with our companions and commend them in their time, into the hands of the creator. In the last year, we have so handed 35 of our companions into the higher lodge above, where the noontide of bliss eternally shines, where the adoration of the twelfth hour is everlasting joy to be received by the Supreme Master of the Universe.

| Death Date | First Name | Middle | Last Name | Chapter |
|------------|------------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 1/14/2018  | Clarence   | R.     | Cafferty  | 21      |
| 1/25/2018  | Stanley    | A      | Suck      | 21      |
| 2/1/2018   | Eugene     | P      | Jorgensen | 6       |

|            |           |      |             |    |
|------------|-----------|------|-------------|----|
| 2/5/2018   | Gary      | L.   | Murphy      | 15 |
| 2/12/2018  | Robert    | J.   | Piper       | 3  |
| 2/22/2018  | Hollis    |      | Miller      | 21 |
| 3/1/2018   | Jonnie    | R.   | Sabata      | 18 |
| 3/6/2018   | John      | F.   | Dale        | 21 |
| 3/10/2018  | A.        | Gary | Keeling     | 37 |
| 3/12/2018  | Roland    | S    | Coker       | 15 |
| 3/16/2018  | Marvin    | G    | Kyes        | 21 |
| 3/17/2018  | Robert    | F.   | Ross        | 35 |
| 3/18/2018  | Alexander |      | Murray      | 1  |
| 3/18/2018  | Charles   | F.   | Putman      | 15 |
| 3/19/2018  | Noland    | J.   | McIntosh    | 61 |
| 4/15/2018  | Thomas    |      | Swedlund    | 21 |
| 4/16/2018  | Richard   | S    | Goble       | 8  |
| 5/16/2018  | Harry     | D    | Ostegard    | 15 |
| 6/4/2018   | Robert    | E    | Lindly      | 15 |
| 6/6/2018   | Weldon    | D    | Jacobs      | 1  |
| 6/28/2018  | William   | E    | Christensen | 1  |
| 7/13/2018  | Ron       | E    | Johnson     | 15 |
| 7/15/2018  | Ross      |      | Campagna    | 1  |
| 7/28/2018  | Leland    | A    | Monson      | 61 |
| 8/16/2018  | John      | C    | Gustafson   | 35 |
| 8/23/2018  | Charles   | A    | Folsom      | 8  |
| 8/24/2018  | James     | E    | Stansberry  | 21 |
| 8/28/2018  | Kenneth   | E    | Neff        | 6  |
| 9/10/2018  | Earnest   | G    | Lehmkehl    | 15 |
| 10/14/2018 | Gerald    | D    | Verbeek     | 8  |
| 12/3/2018  | Roy       | I    | Anderson    | 24 |
| 12/11/2018 | Joseph    | A    | Chapman     | 24 |
| 12/19/2018 | Kurt      | L.   | Blazek      | 65 |
| 12/24/2018 | Leslie    | A    | Evert       | 48 |
| 12/26/2018 | Daniel    | J.   | Rife        | 35 |

We extend our fraternal love to those companions and their families, and we are comforted in the knowledge that standing before the supreme white throne, they have been met with those words, "Well done good and faithful servant" and we are confident they have entered into the joy of the Lord. Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph Charbonneau*

Excellent Grand Chaplain

## PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Officers, and Companions:

The PLM Committee is charged with investing the funds generated by the purchase of perpetual life memberships by members of the three bodies that compose the Grand York Rite of Nebraska. The Committee consists of nine members: three elected by the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; three elected by the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons; and three elected by the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar. Currently, the funds are invested through the Garlock Group of RBC Wealth Management. Quarterly Reports are reviewed and an annual meeting is held to review the investment portfolio and make necessary changes. The PLM Committee presents the results of investment decisions made during the 2018 year in the accompanying tables.

### *PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR 2018*

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund Prior to Year 2018    | \$ 218,382.46        |
| ADD: Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund during Year 2018 | <u>2,690.00</u>      |
| Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund since Inception       | <u>\$ 221,072.46</u> |
| Total PLM Fund Value as of January 1, 2018                        | \$ 257,950.35        |
| Total PLM Fund Value as of December 31, 2018                      | <u>\$ 240,303.71</u> |
| Decrease in Fund Value During Year 2018                           | <u>\$ -17,646.64</u> |
| Percentage decrease in Fund Value During Year 2018                | <u>-6.84%</u>        |

### *DISTRIBUTION OF PLM INVESTMENT ACCOUNT IN YEAR 2018*

| <u>GRAND YORK RITE BODY</u>                                | <u>AMOUNT</u>      | <u>PERCENTAGE</u> |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska <sup>1</sup>  | \$ 2,773.46        | 38.48%            |
| Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska <sup>2</sup>     | \$ 1,880.78        | 26.08%            |
| Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska <sup>3</sup> | <u>\$ 2,554.76</u> | 35.44%            |
| Total Distributions  | <u>\$ 7,209.00</u> |                   |

#### NOTES:

<sup>1</sup> One new PLM purchased during 2018.

<sup>2</sup> One new PLM purchased during 2018.

<sup>3</sup> One new PLM purchased during 2018.

***TOTAL NUMBER OF PLMs BY GRAND YORK RITE BODY AS OF  
DECEMBER 31, 2018***

|   | NUMBER        | NUMBER      | TOTAL         | PERCENTAGE  |
|---|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| <u>GRAND YORK RITE BODY</u>                   | <u>LIVING</u> | <u>DEAD</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DEAD</u> |
| Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska  | 145           | 512         | 657           | 78.0%       |
| Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska     | 122           | 400         | 522           | 77.0%       |
| Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska | <u>118</u>    | <u>378</u>  | <u>496</u>    | 76.0%       |
| Total Members                                 | <u>385</u>    | <u>1290</u> | <u>1675</u>   |             |

***HISTORICAL ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS & END-OF-YEAR FUND VALUES***

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>DISTRIBUTION</u> | <u>FUND</u>   |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------|
|             | <u>AMOUNT</u>       | <u>VALUE</u>  |
| 2007        | \$ 5,347.65         | \$ 122,643.84 |
| 2008        | \$ 5,066.21         | \$ 104,796.40 |
| 2009        | \$ 4,665.70         | \$ 123,256.89 |
| 2010        | \$ 4,535.42         | \$ 134,582.38 |
| 2011        | \$ 4,340.84         | \$ 139,095.01 |
| 2012        | \$ 3,935.30         | \$ 153,345.18 |
| 2013        | \$ 6,637.88         | \$ 187,794.23 |
| 2014        | \$ 4,688.33         | \$ 199,842.96 |
| 2015        | \$ 5,000.00         | \$ 193,918.88 |
| 2016        | \$ 6,706.97         | \$ 223,565.51 |
| 2017        | \$ 7,738.50         | \$ 257,950.35 |
| 2018        | \$ 7,209.00         | \$ 240,303.71 |

***PLM COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018***

There were no changes in the distribution policy at the 2018 meeting for the PLM Committee. The PLM funds sustained losses in late 2018, as did most all market investments. In spite of this, the PLM Committee voted to continue the target 3% payout, resulting in a distribution of \$7,209.00 to the Grand York Rite bodies of Nebraska.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

James A. Carlton, on behalf of:

**Chapter Members:** Reginald Kuhn, Mike Jones, and Edward Nolte

**Council Members:** Walter Johnson, A.J. Johnson, and Hugh Nehls

**Commandery Members:** James Carlton, Fred Way, Jr., and Donald Rife

**Ex-Officio:** Dennis Newman and Bruce Anderson



## PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF CHAPTERS

To preserve Chapters, the Eastern College #138 of York Rite Sovereign College of Nebraska has supported two specific activities. First, we have invited all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons to bring their candidates to Omaha, where Florence Chapter #61, with support from Omaha Chapter #1, will perform all four degrees—Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason—on their candidates. This work is performed by proficient York Rite Masons, four of whom hold the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International Medal in recognition of their proficiency. The work presented and received is excellent. Second, the Eastern College #138 took this show on the road in 2015 and 2017 to North Platte, Nebraska, 280 miles west of the Omaha Area. In 2015, this same group of York Rite Masons put on the four Chapter Degrees, the two Council Degrees, and the three Commandery Orders in a One-Day Festival for York Rite Masons from Chadron, McCook, North Platte, and Scottsbluff. In 2017, the Eastern York Rite College #138 again traveled to North Platte to put on the four RAM Degrees. All total, we have exalted approximately 15 Master Masons into Royal Arch Masonry.

The western Nebraska Chapters in Chadron, Hastings, McCook, North Platte, Scottsbluff, as well as Beatrice, Columbus, Superior, and Tekamah generally suffer from low membership and even lower attendance. These One-Day Festivals breathe new life into the Chapters by adding new Companions, who attend and want to learn. We will continue this effort, inviting all candidates to Omaha and traveling to North Platte to perform the One-Day Festivals, until such time as the individual Chapters are able to perform their own work and exalt their candidates. It is much easier to revive a struggling Chapter than it is to re-charter a Chapter that is already closed and has lost all interest in having a York Rite presence in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

*Edward W. Nolte, PQAP,* Chairman

## PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

I have had the honor of representing the roughly 850 Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska as the Chairman for publicity and as the Editor for the Nebraska State portion for the Royal Arch Magazine.

As for publicity to the public this year the York Rite had a both at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. As for getting our story out to new perspective Masons and to some that have been Masons for a short time prior Grand Chapter officers and the Dias Officers of the Omaha York Rite Bodies attended quarterly friendship dinners and informed the groups on the philanthropies of the three York Rite Bodies. This year York Rite Bodies and appendant bodies took out advertisements that will be in the National Sojourner's Annual Convention Souvenir Book. In the future though the York Rite Bodies, Chapters and Councils may want to consider taking out advertisements in the local Shrine Circus Program book or local newspapers to advertise their events. They may also consider more volunteer options to assist with these events in the

communities they are in as members of the York Rite Bodies of Nebraska to bring attention to great Craft.

As the Editor of the Nebraska supplement to the Royal Arch Magazine I can say we had inputs into all the Magazines that came out, but that it still fell primarily on the editor to type up and come up with input into the supplement section. I highly encourage the Grand Chapter Dias officers and the more knowledgeable Masons in Nebraska that are members of the York Rite or past Grand officers to use this forum to communicate information to all the York Rite members in the state.

This concludes my report as Chairman of the Publicity Committee and Editor of the Nebraska Supplement of the Royal Arch magazine.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Anthony Johnson*, Chairman

### **R.A.R.A. PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Board of Directors of ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE has introduced the Gift for a Gift program. Through the generous contribution of Companion Steven Monrotus, Past Grand High Priest of Missouri, a renowned organist in his own right, three excellent musical discs are now available for a special contribution of only \$150. Each of these discs has been provided with, and includes, appropriate music for many Masonic ceremonial occasions. There are patriotic tunes as well as music for the opening and closing of a Masonic body. There are incidental tunes and processions to include hymns and other appropriate tunes.

### **UPDATE**

Companions: A few things have been changed since our last update on Royal Arch Research Assistance. Dr. Frank Muziek is now heading our CAPD efforts at the University of Arizona. He completed his move in October 2014 and will now have more PhD researchers than at his previous location at the University of Connecticut. He has sponsored international symposiums on CAPD and has put increased emphasis on trying to determine its cause. We continue to assist the Hearing Health Foundation by sponsoring four researchers in CAPD. We have also committed to \$1,000,000 with Autism Speaks in an effort to correlate signs of CAPD in Toddlers (ages 12 - 36 months) who have Autism.

This past year Nebraska contributed \$880.34 to R.A.R.A.

Respectfully submitted;  
*Ron Grass*, Chairman

## ROYAL ARCH EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Royal Arch Education Committee did not meet during the 2018/19 term. There have been no new publications by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted;

*Michael Jones*, Chairman

## HONORARY MEMBERS

It was moved by Comp. Dennis Newman and seconded that all visiting Companions from other jurisdictions be made Honorary Members of this Grand Chapter of Nebraska:  
Motion carried.

## TIME & PLACE OF ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 2020 Grand Session will be at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska April 16-18..

## ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

Comp. Steve Barchus, Chairman of the Tellers Committee reported that the ballots were counted and the following were elected:

Comp. Jonathan L. Paz ..... M.E. Grand High Priest  
Comp Michael E. Jones ..... R.E. Grand King  
Comp. Dan Marr ..... R.E. Grand Scribe  
Comp. Bruce T. Anderson, PGHP ..... R.E. Grand Treasurer  
Comp Dennis A. Newman ..... R.E. Grand Secretary

The following Officers were appointed:

Comp. Joseph P. Charbonneau ..... R.E. Grand Chaplain  
Comp. Anthony T. Johnson, PGHP ..... R.E. Grand Lecturer  
Comp. Joe Work, II ..... E. Grand Captain of the Host  
Comp. Jeffrey M. Coleman ..... E. Grand Principal Sojourner  
Comp. Cecil Smith ..... E. Grand Royal Arch Captain  
Comp. Mervyn L. Moeller ..... E. Grand Master Third Veil  
Comp. Frank L. Borden ..... E. Grand Master Second Veil  
Comp. Ed Birmingham ..... E. Grand Master First Veil  
Comp. Michael Lagueux ..... E. Grand Sentinel

It was moved and seconded that this report be accepted and the ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

## **GREETINGS FROM GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

Right Excellent General Grand King Steven Tiner brought greetings and stated the goals for the coming three years. He thanked the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for all the courtesies afforded him during his stay.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Grand High Priest thanked everyone for all the help that he received during his year and invited everyone to the installation of Grand Officers.

## **INSTALLATION OF GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**

Companion Brett Bennett, Past M.E. Grand High Priest, welcomed everyone to the installation and called upon Comp. Steven Barchus for the invocation. He then introduced the Installing Officers for the afternoon:

Comp. Anthony Johnson, PGHP ..... Installing High Priest  
Comp. Edward Nolte, PGHP ..... Installing Marshall  
Comp. John T. Parsons, PGHP ..... Installing Secretary  
Comp. Steven Barchus, PGHP ..... Installing Chaplain  
Jennifer Grass, ..... Installing Musician

The Installing Officer asked the Installing Secretary to call the roll of Officers to be installed for the ensuing year.

Comp. Jonathan L. Paz ..... M.E. Grand High Priest  
Comp Michael E. Jones ..... R.E. Grand King  
Comp. Dan Marr ..... R.E. Grand Scribe  
Comp. Bruce T. Anderson, PGHP ..... R.E. Grand Treasurer  
Comp Dennis A. Newman ..... R.E. Grand Secretary  
\*Comp. Joseph P. Charbonneau ..... R.E. Grand Chaplain  
Comp. Anthony T. Johnson, PGHP ..... R.E. Grand Lecturer  
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Comp. Jeffrey M. Coleman ..... E. Grand Principal Sojourner  
Comp. Cecil Smith ..... E. Grand Royal Arch Captain  
Comp. Mervyn L. Moeller ..... E. Grand Master Third Veil  
Comp. Frank L. Borden ..... E. Grand Master Second Veil  
Comp. Ed Birmingham ..... E. Grand Master First Veil  
Comp. Michael Lagueux ..... E. Grand Sentinel

\*To be installed later.

As their names were called, they and their ladies entered the Chapter room, after which they assumed the obligation and were presented the Jewels of their office and escorted to their stations by the Installing Marshal. The Grand Marshal then proclaimed the Officers of the Grand Chapter duly installed in their respective stations for the ensuing year.

The M.E. Grand High Priest thanked his Installing Officers for an outstanding job this afternoon. He then asked his Grand Officers to introduce their ladies.

The M.E. Grand High Priest reviewed his plans for the year.

The M.E. Grand High Priest asked the R.E. Grand Chaplain to lead us in prayer and instructed the E. Grand Principal Sojourner to close the Bible.

Attest:

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the Proceedings of the One Hundred Fifty Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, held in Columbus, Nebraska, April 5, 2019, and printed under my direction.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of the GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF NEBRASKA, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2019.

*Dennis Newman*, R.E. Grand Secretary

#### GRAND BANQUET

The Grand Secretary-Recorder introduced ***Most Worshipful Rick Myers***, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska who served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The Master of Ceremonies on behalf of the Grand York Rite of Nebraska welcomed all the Brethren, Companions, Sir Knights, Distinguished Guests, and their ladies to our Grand York Rite Banquet and asked Sir Knight ***Ken Bunnell*** Grand Prelate to give the invocation.

All enjoyed a very delicious meal. The Master of Ceremonies then introduced our Distinguished Guests:

***Companion Brett Bennett***, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska and his ***Lady Kari***.

***Right Excellent Companion Steven Tiner***, General Grand King, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International.

***Companion David Shaw***, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Nebraska and his ***Lady Marcy***.

***Companion Anthony Johnson***, Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

***Sir Knight Lucian Smith***, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska and his **Lady Nicole**.

***Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin***, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U. S. A.

***Sir Knight Ken Bunnell***, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska.

***Companion Dennis A. Newman***, Most Excellent Grand Secretary-Recorder of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Nebraska.

***Cora Redwine and Greg Prososki***. Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian of Nebraska Jobs Daughters International.

***Alexandra Titsworth***, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, ***Hannah Leeper***, Miss Nebraska Jobs Daughters and Tiana Hudson, Miss Nebraska Congeniality.

***Betty Garwood***, Supreme Deputy in Nebraska, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

***Morgan Chandler***, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls of Nebraska.

***Kevin Grazier***, Executive Officer in Nebraska, Order of DeMolay.

***Jacob Leeper***, State master Councilor, International Order of DeMolay.

***Candy Martin***, Worthy Grand Matron and ***Harold Terry***, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Nebraska.

#### **The following came forward for presentations and remarks**

***Sir Knight Lucian C. Smith***, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska

***Companion David A. Shaw***, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Nebraska.

***Companion Brett R. Bennett***, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska

***Companion Dennis A. Newman***, Right Excellent Grand Secretary-Recorder.

**The Dale L. Mace Memorial Outstanding Secretary-Recorder Award,**

**Frank Borden - Recipient**

***Most Worshipful Robert Moninger***, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska

***Most*** Worshipful Brother Moninger introduced the other Grand Lodge officers present and reviewed the Grand Lodge's projects and activities for the coming year. In closing he thanked the Grand York Rite for all the courtesies afforded him Tam during this Grand Session and bid everyone a good evening.

The Master of Ceremonies thanked everyone for attending and called upon ***Sir Knight Ken Bunnell*** for the benediction.

**GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES - 2018-2019**

***BUDGET AND FINANCE:*** John Parsons, 61, Chairman; Ron D. Grass, 24; Jay H. Speck, 3.

***CHARTERS & DISPENSATIONS:*** David Shaw, Chairman; Donald Rife; Michael E. Jones.

***CODIFICATION OF THE LAW:*** Steven R. Barchus, Chairman; James F. Brown, Jr.; Anthony Johnson

***CREDENTIALS:*** Frank D. Smutny, Chairman; Carl Highman; Casey Van Helten.

***DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS:*** Ronald Grass, Chairman; Brett Bennett, Jeffrey M. Coleman

***ENTERTAINMENT OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:*** John T. Parsons, 1, Chairman; Jay H. Speck, 3.

***FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND REVIEW:*** Bruce T. Anderson, 6, Chairman; Jerry F. Bepalec; James F. Brown, Jr.

***JURISPRUDENCE:*** David Shaw, Chairman; and all Living Past Grand High Priests.

***MEMBERSHIP:*** Arthur R. Stricker, Chairman; Steven R. Barchus; Daniel Marr.

***NEBRASKA ROYAL ARCH EDUCATIONAL AND MEMORIAL FUND:*** LaVern Work, II, Chairman; Arthur R. Stricker, Jay Speck.

***NECROLOGY:*** Joseph Charbonneau, Chairman; Ken Bunnell., John Lippert.

***PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP:*** Edward W. Nolte, Chairman; Michael E. Jones, Reginald S. Kuhn.

***PRESERVATION & RESTORATION OF CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS:*** Edward W. Nolte, Chairman; Steven R. Barchus, James F. Brown, Jr.

***PUBLICITY:*** Anthony Johnson, Chairman; Johnathan Paz, Daniel Marr.

***R.A.R.A. PHILANTHROPY:*** Ronald D. Grass 24, Chairman; Joseph Charbonneau, Robert Coleman.

***ROYAL ARCH EDUCATION:*** Michael E. Jones, Chairman; James F. Brown, Jr.; Ronald D. Grass; Anthony T. Johnson; John T. Parsons.

***YOUTH ORGANIZATION:*** Bruce T. Anderson, Chairman; Anthony T. Johnson.

***GRAND LECTUER:*** Anthony Johnson

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS

**ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURER:** Carl C. Plants, David A. Shaw, Fred O. Wyant.

| ROLL OF EXISTING NEBRASKA CHAPTERS |     |              |             |                        |                |               |
|------------------------------------|-----|--------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Name                               | No  | Town         | County      | Meetings               | Created        | Chartered     |
| Omaha                              | 1   | Omaha        | Douglas     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.   | Nov. 21, 1859  | Sept. 8, 1865 |
| Nebraska                           | 3   | Plattsmouth  | Cass        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.   | July 13, 1865  | Sept. 8, 1865 |
| Lincoln*                           | 6   | Lincoln      | Lancaster   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed.   | Apr. 28, 1870  | June 22, 1870 |
| Signet                             | 8   | Fremont      | Dodge       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed.   | Aug. 11, 1871  | June 17, 1872 |
| Livingston                         | 10  | Beatrice     | Gage        | 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues.  | Dec. 21, 1872  | Nov. 12, 1873 |
| Euphrates                          | 15  | North Platte | Lincoln     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs. | Mar. 25, 1876  | Dec. 20, 1876 |
| Mount Zion                         | 17  | Crete        | Saline      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.   | Mar. 3, 1877   | Dec. 19, 1877 |
| Orient                             | 18  | Columbus     | Platte      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. | Apr. 17, 1878  | Dec. 17, 1879 |
| Hastings                           | 21  | Hastings     | Adams       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues.  | Oct. 24, 1879  | Dec. 22, 1880 |
| Mackey                             | 24  | Tekamah      | Burt        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon.   | Apr. 27, 1882  | Dec. 19, 1882 |
| King Cyrus                         | 35  | McCook       | R. Willow   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. | Sept. 25, 1885 | Dec. 16, 1886 |
| Tadmor                             | 37  | Superior     | Nuckolls    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon.   | Dec. 19, 1885  | Dec. 16, 1886 |
| Occidental                         | 48  | Chadron      | Dawes       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues.  | Sept. 18, 1888 | Dec. 12, 1888 |
| Florence                           | 61  | Papillion    | Sarpy       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed.   | Mar. .2, 1923  | Dec. 13, 1923 |
| Or. Trail***                       | 65  | Gering       | Scottsbluff | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. | July 11, 1928  | Dec. 6, 1928  |
| Nazareth UD                        | 100 | Lincoln      | Lancaster   | n/a                    | Sep. 30, 2016  | n/a           |

\*Except Holiday, Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, then subsequent Wednesday.

\*\*Except November 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday or when convocation falls on Holiday, the next Thursday.

\*\*\*Except January: then second Thursday.

## EXTINCT CHAPTERS

| Name                | Location                      | Date of Becoming Extinct |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ashland, No. 12     | Ashland                       | November 26, 1881        |
| Lebanon, No. 14*    | Sutton - Hastings, No. 21     | December 3, 1930         |
| Jewel, No. 34       | Ashland                       | December 13, 1894        |
| King Darius, No. 36 | Indianola                     | December 17, 1925        |
| Ophir, No. 38       | Schuyler                      | March 16, 1914           |
| Cyrene, No. 42*     | Friend - King Cyrus, No. 35   | June 20, 1887            |
| Garfield, No. 45    | O'Neill                       | December 8, 1904         |
| Siroc, No. 46*      | West Point - Galilee, No. 57  | December 5, 1925         |
| Joppa, No. 52*      | Loup City - Jordan, No. 27    | August 3, 1936           |
| Pentalpha, No. 53   | Genoa                         | February 16, 1924        |
| Chaldean, No. 55*   | Bloomfield - Damascus, No. 25 | November 1, 1941         |
| Cedar, No. 56       | Hartington                    | March 11, 1912           |
| Raboni, No. 58      | Randolph                      | October 15, 1917         |
| Valley, No. 59*     | Alma - Cyrene, No. 42         | December 19, 1941        |
| Miriam, No. 47      | Oxford                        | January 5, 1943          |
| Leese, No. 62*      | Seward - Capstone, No. 64     | October 22, 1943         |
| Red Cloud, No. 19*  | Red Cloud - Hastings, No. 21  | October 25, 1944         |
| Palmer, No. 31      | Wilber                        | December 5, 1946         |
| Temple, No. 40      | Neligh                        | December 3, 1947         |
| Bethlehem, No. 20   | Pawnee City                   | December 7, 1961         |
| Gayle, No. 16*      | Hebron - Siloam, No. 44       | October 1, 1963          |
| King David, No. 30* | David City - Signet, No. 8    | December 3, 1964         |
| Shekinah, No. 32    | Aurora                        | February 28, 1967        |



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|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Triune, No. 41*    | Geneva - Solomon, No. 33        | December 31, 1967  |
| Bellevue, No. 7*   | Omaha - Omaha, No. 1            | April 9, 1969      |
| Cyrene, No. 42*    | Holdrege - King Cyrus, No. 35   | September 2, 1973  |
| Tyrian, No. 29*    | Sidney - Shelba, No. 54         | February 18, 1978  |
| Doric, No. 50*     | Ord - Hastings, No. 21          | July 22, 1978      |
| Furnas, No. 9*     | Tecumseh - Livingston, No. 10   | January 1, 1981    |
| Jordan, No. 27     | St. Paul                        | October 10, 1983   |
| Edgar, No. 22*     | Edgar - Tadmor, No. 37          | October 18, 1983   |
| Pine, No. 51*      | Long Pine - Rosebud, No. 63     | March 22, 1985     |
| Sheba, No. 54*     | Alliance - Oregon Trail, No. 65 | December 31, 1985  |
| Delta, No. 60*     | Omaha - Omaha, No. 1            | March 14, 1987     |
| Keystone, No. 2*   | Neb. City - Brownville, No. 4   | August 18, 1988    |
| Hiram, No. 28*     | Wymore - Livingston, No. 10     | November 13, 1989  |
| Haggai, No. 39*    | Wakefield - Damascus, No. 25    | November 15, 1993  |
| Galilee, No. 57    | Oakland                         | December 31, 1993  |
| Brownville, No. 4* | Auburn - Nebraska No. 3         | June 30, 1996      |
| Adoniram, No. 13*  | Blair - Mackey No. 24           | December 31, 1999  |
| Eureka No. 5*      | Falls City - Nebraska No. 3     | October 31, 2002   |
| Wahoo No. 43*      | Wahoo - Signet No. 8            | December 31, 2002  |
| Kearney No. 23*    | Kearney - Hastings No. 21       | July 31, 2003      |
| Horeb No. 49*      | Broken Bow - Euphrates No. 15   | January 1, 2005    |
| Capstone No. 64*   | Lincoln No. 6                   | January 1, 2009    |
| Merrick No. 26*    | Solomon No. 33 - York           | September 15, 2013 |
| Rosebud No. 63*    | Occidental No. 49 - Chadron     | March 1, 2014      |
| Silom No. 44*      | Livingston No. 10 - Beatrice    | July 14, 2014      |
| Deuel No. 11*      | Hastings No. 21 - Hastings      | March 15, 2015     |
| Solomon No. 33*    | Hastings No. 21 - Hastings      | August 15, 2015    |
| Damascus No. 25    | Norfolk                         | September 30, 2016 |

\*Consolidated

## RAND SECRETARIES

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|--------------------------|--|
| *Elbert T. Duke.....     | March 19, 1867 - June 19, 1867         |
| *J. Newton Wise .....    | June 19, 1867, - October 28, 1869      |
| *Robert W. Furnas .....  | October 28, 1869, - June 19, 1872      |
| *Daniel H. Wheeler ..... | June 19, 1872, - November 14, 1873     |
| *William R. Bowen .....  | November 14, 1873, - May 6, 1899       |
| *Francis E. White .....  | May 6, 1899, - December 17, 1925       |
| *Lewis E. Smith.....     | December 17, 1925, - December 3, 1946  |
| *Carl R. Greisen .....   | December 3, 1946, - September 19, 1969 |
| *Ralph R. Carleton ..... | September 19, 1969, - April 11, 1980   |
| *Floyd R. McKenzie.....  | April 12, 1980, - April 6, 1990        |
| Jay H. Speck.....        | April 6, 1990, - April 7, 2006         |
| Bruce T. Anderson.....   | April 7, 2006 - April 8, 2017          |
| Dennis A. Newman .....   | April 8, 2017 - Present                |
| *Deceased                |  |

## LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

|   |                   |      |
|---|-------------------|------|
| Keith J. Herbster, 6, 1201 Mocking Bird Lane, Lincoln 68512-2352  | 112 <sup>th</sup> | 1978 |
| Gail Axen, 39, P.O. Box 123, Stanton 68779                        | 114 <sup>th</sup> | 1980 |
| Kirby E. Hunt, 24, 524 N. 9 <sup>th</sup> St. Tekamah, 68061-1169 | 124 <sup>th</sup> | 1990 |
| Jay H. Speck, 3, 606 Chicago Ave. Plattsmouth 68048-2061          | (Hon)             | 1994 |
| Fred O. Wyant, 33, 404 East 6 <sup>th</sup> St. York 68467-3019   | 128 <sup>th</sup> | 1994 |
| James N. Karnegis, 1, 20975 Bonanza Blvd. Elkhorn 68022-1838      | 130 <sup>th</sup> | 1996 |
| Robert E. Wunder, 64, 6515 Windflower Rd, Lincoln 68521-9007      | 131 <sup>st</sup> | 1997 |
| Bryan E. Lee, 26, 418 Reynolds St. Fullerton 68638-0314           | 132 <sup>nd</sup> | 1998 |
| Edward I. Morrow, 24, 1419 "I" St., Tekamah 68061-1230            | 134 <sup>th</sup> | 2000 |

|  |                   |      |
|--|-------------------|------|
| James A. Clark, 17, 896 County Rd. 2350, Crete 68333-5003                    | 135 <sup>th</sup> | 2001 |
| F. Wayne Bowman, 1, 4924 No. 103 <sup>rd</sup> St., Omaha 68134-2506         | 136 <sup>th</sup> | 2002 |
| John T. Parsons, 61, 1512 Beechwood Ave. Papillion 68133-2506                | 137 <sup>th</sup> | 2003 |
| Mervin W. Titchen, 15, P.O. Box 1925, North Platte 69103-1925                | 138 <sup>th</sup> | 2004 |
| Bruce T. Anderson, 64, 2010 South 26 <sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln 68502        | 139 <sup>th</sup> | 2005 |
| Marlin Palasek, 1, 4859 So 96 <sup>th</sup> Plaza, Apt. 5, Omaha, 68127-2345 | 141 <sup>st</sup> | 2007 |
| Ronald D. Grass, 24, 420 No. 13 <sup>th</sup> St., Tekamah, 68061-1506       | 142 <sup>nd</sup> | 2008 |
| Jerry F. Bepalec, 17, 1140 Grove Ave., Crete, 68333-2350                     | 143 <sup>rd</sup> | 2009 |
| James F. Brown, Jr., 6, 6710 Rexford Dr., Lincoln, 68510-4326                | 144 <sup>th</sup> | 2010 |
| Steven R. Barchus, 1, 1521 So. 94 <sup>th</sup> St., Omaha, 68124-1105       | 145 <sup>th</sup> | 2011 |
| Edward W. Nolte, 1, 4702 Windcrest Dr. Papillion, 68133-4767                 | 146 <sup>th</sup> | 2012 |
| Theodore J. Johnson, 6 & 10, Unknown   | 147 <sup>th</sup> | 2013 |
| Steven C. Smith, I, 1, 215 Heavenly Dr., Omaha, 68154-2145                   | 148 <sup>th</sup> | 2014 |
| Donald E. Rife, 35, 35405 US Hwy 34, Stratton, 69043-5107                    | 149 <sup>th</sup> | 2015 |
| Anthony T. Johnson, 61 2613 Alberta Ave., Bellevue, NE 68147-2466            | 150 <sup>th</sup> | 2016 |
| Dave Shaw, 1   | 151 <sup>st</sup> | 2017 |

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, WHOSE NAMES ARE HERE ENROLLED, FOR THEIR  
VALOROUS DEEDS IN DAYS PAST**

| Name                       | Date of Death  |                  | Year    |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------|
| Harry P. Deuel, 1          | Nov. 23, 1914  | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 1867    |
| James W. Moore, 2          | Aug. 2, 1901   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 1867    |
| Daniel H. Wheeler, 3       | Nov. 27, 1912  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 1868    |
| Robert C. Jordan, 1        | Jan. 9, 1899   | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 1869    |
| Edwin A. Allen, 1          | Jan. 8, 1893   | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 1870-71 |
| Robert R. Livingston, 3    | Sept. 28, 1888 | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 1872-74 |
| Robert W. Furnas, 4        | June 1, 1905   | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 1873-74 |
| Charles F. Goodman, 1      | Jan. 11, 1895  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 1875-76 |
| Edwin F. Warren, 2         | July 9, 1923   | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 1876-77 |
| Francis E. White, 3        | June 11, 1945  | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 1878    |
| Alfred G. Hastings, 6      | July 10, 1894  | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 1879    |
| H. Baxter Nicodemus, 8     | June 3, 1887   | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 1880    |
| Samuel P. Davidson, 9      | Dec. 8, 1928   | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 1881    |
| William H. Munger, 8       | Aug. 21, 1915  | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 1881    |
| James A. Tulleys, 19       | Jan. 21, 1901  | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 1883    |
| Henry E. Palmer, 3         | April 2, 1911  | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 1884    |
| John D. Moore, 11          | July 26, 1930  | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 1885    |
| Ithmar Benjamin, 17        | Unknown        | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 1886    |
| Lucius D. Richard, 8       | Aug. 19, 1931  | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 1887    |
| Charles A. Holmes, 9       | Dec. 13, 1908  | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 1888    |
| Milton J. Hull, 14         | Sept. 18, 1923 | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 1889    |
| Frank H. Young, 29         | Dec. 24, 1917  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 1890    |
| John B. Dinsmore, 14       | Oct. 6, 1915   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 1891    |
| Robert E. French, 23       | Feb. 16, 1927  | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 1892    |
| Albert W. Crites, 48       | Aug. 23, 1915  | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 1893    |
| Frank E. Bullard, 15       | Jan. 31, 1933  | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 1894    |
| Charles J. Phelps, 38      | Aug. 24, 1915  | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 1895    |
| Charles C. Rittenhouse, 21 | Sept. 24, 1937 | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 1896    |
| Robert H. Henry, 18        | Feb. 14, 1900  | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 1897    |

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| John H. Mercer, 4          | Feb. 25, 1915  | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 1898 |
| James Dinsmore, 16         | Dec. 5, 1928   | 31 <sup>st</sup> | 1899 |
| John S. Harmon, 9          | Dec. 31, 1922  | 32 <sup>nd</sup> | 1900 |
| James W. Maynard, 1        | June 28, 1928  | 33 <sup>rd</sup> | 1901 |
| George J. Spohn, 37        | Dec. 16, 1942  | 34 <sup>th</sup> | 1902 |
| Benjamin F. Thomas, 7      | Jan. 28, 1933  | 35 <sup>th</sup> | 1903 |
| Francis McGiverin, 8       | March 7, 1930  | 36 <sup>th</sup> | 1904 |
| William W. Wright, 28      | Dec. 13, 1906  | 36 <sup>th</sup> | 1905 |
| Robert W. McGinnis, 33     | June 26, 1958  | 37 <sup>th</sup> | 1906 |
| Charles W. Kaley, 19       | Jan. 6, 1917   | 38 <sup>th</sup> | 1907 |
| Oscar R. Allen, 7          | March 31, 1930 | 39 <sup>th</sup> | 1908 |
| Julius J. Wilson, 49       | June 10, 1918  | 40 <sup>th</sup> | 1909 |
| George S. Powell, 1        | Dec. 20, 1915  | 41 <sup>st</sup> | 1910 |
| John Harper, 30            | April 9, 1931  | 42 <sup>nd</sup> | 1911 |
| Benjamin F. Pitman, 48     | Feb. 7, 1950   | 43 <sup>rd</sup> | 1912 |
| James Tyler, 6             | Nov. 1, 1919   | 44 <sup>th</sup> | 1913 |
| Burt L. Spellman, 10       | May 19, 1939   | 45 <sup>th</sup> | 1914 |
| Chauncey L. Wattles, 40    | March 22, 1945 | 46 <sup>th</sup> | 1915 |
| Carroll D. Evans, 18       | Aug. 12, 1938  | 47 <sup>th</sup> | 1916 |
| John R. Stine, 7           | April 23, 1952 | 48 <sup>th</sup> | 1917 |
| William D. Funk, 55        | Jan. 30, 1942  | 49 <sup>th</sup> | 1918 |
| Alpha Morgan, 49           | April 17, 1924 | 50 <sup>th</sup> | 1919 |
| Lewis E. Smith, 51         | July 10, 1965  | 51 <sup>st</sup> | 1920 |
| William W. Metz, 2         | Aug. 12, 1944  | 52 <sup>nd</sup> | 1921 |
| Walter L. Spear, 41        | Dec. 16, 1933  | 53 <sup>rd</sup> | 1922 |
| James M. Robertson, 3      | Sept. 10, 1934 | 54 <sup>th</sup> | 1923 |
| George N. R. Brown, 21     | June 24, 1943  | 55 <sup>th</sup> | 1924 |
| Harry D. Cone, 7           | Oct. 6, 1947   | 56 <sup>th</sup> | 1925 |
| A. Sherman Pinto, 1        | Dec. 7, 1944   | 57 <sup>th</sup> | 1926 |
| Harford N. Rosebush, 35    | Dec. 15, 1962  | 58 <sup>th</sup> | 1927 |
| Harry S. Villars, 9        | Dec. 21, 1940  | 59 <sup>th</sup> | 1928 |
| Fred G. Bosshammer, 4      | Jan. 10, 1961  | 60 <sup>th</sup> | 1929 |
| Emmett I. Ellis, 24        | Aug. 1, 1956   | 61 <sup>st</sup> | 1930 |
| Arthur C. Stem, 48         | July 6, 1932   | 62 <sup>nd</sup> | 1931 |
| Elbert G. Laing, 54        | Oct. 28, 1949  | 63 <sup>rd</sup> | 1932 |
| Earl Bennett, 42           | March 18, 1971 | 64 <sup>th</sup> | 1932 |
| Oliver A. Fick, 7          | Oct. 4, 1939   | 65 <sup>th</sup> | 1933 |
| J. Theodore Brammann, 1    | Oct. 8, 1958   | 66 <sup>th</sup> | 1934 |
| Carl R. Greisen, 15        | June 28, 1995  | 67 <sup>th</sup> | 1935 |
| Nile O. Walther, 43        | March 19, 1954 | 68 <sup>th</sup> | 1936 |
| Nathaniel A. S. McLean, 65 | June 15, 1956  | 69 <sup>th</sup> | 1937 |
| Edwin D. Crites, 48        | Nov. 7, 1953   | 70 <sup>th</sup> | 1938 |
| Thomas J. Aron, 17         | Dec. 22, 1993  | 71 <sup>st</sup> | 1939 |
| Elmer E. Magee, 64         | March 19, 1975 | 72 <sup>nd</sup> | 1940 |
| George H. Holdeman, 33     | Nov. 4, 1954   | 73 <sup>rd</sup> | 1941 |
| Earld M. Boyington, 35     | June 28, 1974  | 74 <sup>th</sup> | 1942 |
| William T. Poucher, 24     | Aug. 16, 1947  | 75 <sup>th</sup> | 1943 |
| James W. Gillette, 25      | Nov. 15, 1975  | 76 <sup>th</sup> | 1944 |
| David C. Hilton, 6         | Dec. 12, 1945  | 77 <sup>th</sup> | 1945 |
| Raymond C. Cook, 3         | Jan. 7, 1966   | 78 <sup>th</sup> | 1945 |
| Curry W. Watson, 64        | Feb. 27, 1953  | 79 <sup>th</sup> | 1946 |
| George O. Sizemore, 15     | April 6, 1969  | 80 <sup>th</sup> | 1947 |
| F. Plummer Martin, 7       | May 5, 1964    | 81 <sup>st</sup> | 1948 |

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| Bernard B. Harris, 65       | Nov. 22, 1984   | 82 <sup>nd</sup>                   | 1949     |
| Roy S. Planck, 8            | May 3, 1958     | 83 <sup>rd</sup>                   | 1950     |
| Robert E. Lund, 18          | Nov. 14, 1976   | 84 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1951     |
| Harold H. Thom, 60          | June 14, 1974   | 85 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1952     |
| George H. Murphy, 6         | Aug. 20, 1977   | 86 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1953     |
| Ralph M. Carhart, 39        | Nov. 10, 1965   | 87 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1954     |
| Lewis E. Baker, 35          | Dec. 26, 1976   | 89 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1956     |
| Louis V. Sylvester, 61      | Dec. 4, 1997    | 90 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1957     |
| Ehm J. Sorensen, 54         | Sept. 17, 1984  | 91 <sup>st</sup>                   | 1958     |
| Claude A. Rennau, 11        | Dec. 6, 1979    | 92 <sup>nd</sup>                   | 1959     |
| Earl W. Schultz, 32         | Jan. 15, 1983   | 93 <sup>rd</sup>                   | 1960     |
| Earl H. Christensen, 6      | Jan. 14, 1999   | 94 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1961     |
| Willard I. Lewis, Jr., 5    | July 26, 2000   | 95 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1962     |
| Donald W. Larkins, 44       | June 23, 1988   | 96 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1963     |
| August H. Boldt, 15         | Oct. 16, 1985   | 97 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1964     |
| Lillard S. Jensen, 13       | May 14, 1985    | 98 <sup>th</sup> -99 <sup>th</sup> | 1965-66* |
| Howard J. Hunter, 43        | May 6, 1975     | 100 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1967     |
| U. Wesley Fox, 63           | January 3, 2005 | 101 <sup>st</sup>                  | 1968     |
| Russell F. Richmond, 64     | Jan. 30, 1988   | 102 <sup>nd</sup>                  | 1969     |
| Herbert T. White, 60        | Oct. 12, 1975   | 103 <sup>rd</sup>                  | 1970     |
| Charles F. Baker, 8         | July 15, 1987   | 104 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1971     |
| Richard T. Albright, 1      | April 14, 1984  | 105 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1972     |
| Byron J. Mott, 54           | June 4, 1997    | 107 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1973     |
| Harry L. Scheffel, 57       | Jan. 19, 1990   | 108 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1974     |
| Charles F. Adams, 11        | April 17, 1980  | Hon.                               | 1974     |
| L. Harold Parker, 26        | Dec. 15, 1977   | 109 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1975     |
| Harry A. Tollander, 61      | Feb. 22, 1997   | 110 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1976     |
| P. Maurice Scriven, 65      | May 1, 1998     | 111 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1977     |
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| Earl N. Hanel, 11           | Aug. 12, 1998   | 113 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1979     |
| Herbert H. Glancy, 10 & 64  | Dec. 4, 2001    | 115 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1981     |
| Edward F. Wehrbein, 3       | Mar. 5, 1998    | 116 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1982     |
| E. P. Baruth, 35            | Nov. 14, 1992   | 117 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1983     |
| Bert C Keith, 15            | July 31, 1992   | 118 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1984     |
| C. Joe Pottorff, 21         | Jan. 13, 1986   | 119 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1985     |
| Morton P. Steyer, 61        | Feb. 14, 1997   | 120 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1986     |
| Orval W. Cooley, 18         | Jan. 20, 2004   | 122 <sup>nd</sup>                  | 1988     |
| Edward H. Lockwood, Sr., 65 | Sept. 23, 1994  | Hon.                               | 1988     |
| Floyd R. McKenzie, 8        | June 9, 1991    | Hon.                               | 1989     |
| Darrel M. Fillinger, 65,    | June 7, 2010    | 123 <sup>rd</sup>                  | 1989     |
| Viron E. Baxter, 35         | July 10, 2015   | 125 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1991     |
| Virgil L. Tubach, 6 & 64    | Nov. 17, 2001   | 129 <sup>th</sup> .                | 1995     |
| Lester F. Webb, 35          | July 30, 2015   | 133 <sup>rd</sup>                  | 1999     |
| Maynard Tatleman, 1         | Sept. 30, 2013  | 140 <sup>th</sup>                  | 2006     |

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### THE 146<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD IN NEBRASKA

The One Hundred Forty fifth Annual Convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held at the Rivers Edge Conference Center, Columbus, Nebraska, at 10:15 A.M. on Thursday, April 4, 2019.

President .....Dennis Newman  
Vice President.....Ron Grass  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Bruce T. Anderson  
Chaplain.....Steven Barchus  
Master of Ceremonies.....L. Cecil Smith  
Conductor .....Carl Plants  
Herald .....Jonathan Paz  
Steward .....Joe Work  
Sentinel .....Dan Marr

The Convention was opened in form by Comp. Dennis Newman.  
Companion Bruce T. Anderson read the minutes of the 146th Annual Convention. Companion Steve Barchus moved the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.



### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Balance on Hand as of April 5, 2019 Savings .....\$221.14**

**CD's .....\$7,112.9**

**Total .....\$7,334.01**

The following four (4) High Priest-elects were received, anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

#### **HIGH PRIEST-ELECT      LOCATION & CHAPTER NO.**

Zac Powell    Florence Chapter No. 61, Omaha  
Michael Lagueux Lincoln Chapter No. 6, Lincoln  
Charles Odorizzi, Omaha Chapter No. 1  
James KeiferTadmire Chapter No. 37, Superior  
Roger Coufal Orient ChapterNo. 18, Columbus

The degree was conferred in an excellent manner under the direction of comp. A.J. Johnson.

**Old Business: None**

#### **New Business:**

The following officers were elected appointed and install are to serve this Convention for 2019-2020:

President ..... Ron Grass  
Vice President.....Steve Barchus  
Secretary-Treasurer..... Bruce T. Anderson  
Chaplain..... L. Cecil Smith  
Master of Ceremonies..... Carl Plants  
Conductor .....Jonathan Paz  
Herald ..... Joe Work. II  
Steward ..... Dan Marr  
Sentinel ..... Frank Borden

The officers were installed by Companions Edward Nolte as Installing President, Anthony Johnson, Installing Marshal and Companion Tom Michaelson as Installing Chaplain. The officers present were installed into their respective offices and the officers absent by proxy.

The newly installed President thanked the Companions for permitting him to serve as President and stated the next Annual Convocation will be at the next Grand Session.

There being no further business, this Grand Convention was closed at 12:20 P.M. in form and with prayer, peace and harmony prevailing.

*Dennis Newman*, President

ATTEST: *Bruce T. Anderson*, Secretary-Treasurer

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